

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. An aquatic toy that is capable of maintaining a desired form and
2 position in water, comprising:
3 a fabric portion;
4 at least one hollow opening formed in the fabric portion.
- 1 2. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy is in the general
2 shape of an object, plant, animal, or other character.
- 1 3. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the fabric portion comprises at
2 least one of a woven fabric, a sheet fabric, a film, nylon, spandex, vinyl, Polyvinyl
3 Chloride, neoprene, or an equivalent.
- 1 4. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the fabric portion comprises
2 multiple materials.
- 1 5. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the fabric
2 portion has a relatively negative buoyancy, such that the fabric portion provides at
3 least some negative buoyancy to at least a portion of the aquatic toy.
- 1 6. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the fabric
2 portion has a relatively neutral buoyancy, such that the fabric portion does not
3 provide any substantial negative or positive buoyancy to at least a portion of the
4 aquatic toy.
- 1 7. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the fabric
2 portion has a relatively positive buoyancy, such that the fabric portion provides at
3 least some positive buoyancy to at least a portion of the aquatic toy.
- 1 8. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein a general overall geometry of the
2 hollow opening is that of a square, rectangle, triangular, pentangular, circular, oval,
3 elliptical, star, or other shape.

1 9. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy includes at least
2 one buoyancy element, wherein the at least one buoyancy element is placed such that
3 a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a determined relatively buoyancy.

1 10. The aquatic toy of claim 9, wherein the at least one buoyancy element
2 comprises at least one of foam, Styrofoam® or any other multicellular expanded
3 synthetic resin, cork, an inflated or inflatable pocket or bladder, plastic, rubber,
4 wood, or an equivalent, or any other known or later developed material or system
5 capable of providing a determined level of relatively buoyancy to the aquatic toy.

1 11. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy includes at least
2 one weight element, wherein the at least one weight element is placed such that a
3 particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a determined relatively weight.

1 12. The aquatic toy of claim 11, wherein the at least one weight element
2 comprises at least one of metal, a weighted or weightable pocket or bladder, plastic,
3 rubber, wood, or an equivalent, or any other known or later developed material or
4 system capable of providing a determined level of relatively weight to the aquatic
5 toy.

1 13. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy includes at least
2 one buoyancy element and at least one weight element.

1 14. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy further comprises
2 at least one additional fabric portion.

1 15. The aquatic toy of claim 14, wherein the additional fabric portion
2 extends substantially downward from an upper portion of the hollow opening.

1 16. The aquatic toy of claim 14, wherein the additional fabric portion
2 extends substantially upward from a lower portion of the hollow opening.

1 17. The aquatic toy of claim 14, wherein the additional fabric portion is
2 weighted and/or buoyed.

1 18. An aquatic toy that is capable of maintaining a desired form and
2 position in water, comprising:

3 a fabric portion, wherein at least a portion of the fabric portion is
4 formed of a naturally weighted material;
5 at least one hollow opening formed in the fabric portion;
6 at least one optional buoyancy element, wherein the at least one
7 buoyancy element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy
8 has a determined relatively buoyancy; and
9 at least one optional weight element, wherein the at least one weight
10 element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a
11 determined relatively weight.

1 19. An aquatic toy that is capable of maintaining a desired form and
2 position in water, comprising:
3 a fabric portion, wherein at least a portion of the fabric portion is
4 formed of a naturally buoyant material;
5 at least one hollow opening formed in the fabric portion;
6 at least one optional buoyancy element, wherein the at least one
7 buoyancy element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy
8 has a determined relatively buoyancy; and
9 at least one optional weight element, wherein the at least one weight
10 element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a
11 determined relatively weight.